GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1114
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2016
Production and Promotion of Ethanol
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to promote ethanol as an alternative fuel in this country, if so, the details thereof including the quantum of ethanol produced in the country during the last 2 years along with the details of the production cost thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposes to provide facility/assistance for producing ethanol directly from sugarcane juice, if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of progress made in this regard so far along with the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented; and
(d) the measures taken by the Government to increase the production of ethanol and promote its usage in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): Yes, Madam. The National Policy on bio fuels, announced in December, 2009 aims at bringing about accelerated development and promotion of the cultivation, production and use of bio-fuels including bio-ethanol to increasingly substitute petrol and diesel for transport and other applications. To promote blending of ethanol with petrol and its use as an alternative fuel in the country, Government has scaled up blending targets from 5% to 10%, fixed remunerative price and waived off excise duty for sugar season 2015-16 (upto 10.08.2016) for supply of ethanol under EBP. As per industry sources, the production cost of ethanol produced through C-heavy route from molasses is Rs. 36.30 per liter. The details of alcohol/ethanol manufactured from molasses during the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 as received from industry sources are annexed.
(b): No, Madam.
(c): Does not arise.
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(d): The Government is promoting various Research and Development (R&D) programmes for developing bio-fuel technologies, particularly second generation bio-fuel technologies for production of ethanol from Ligno-Cellulosic materials. With a view to increase production of ethanol, the Government is also providing soft loans of upto 40% of the project cost to the sugar mills for setting up ethanol project under Sugar Development Fund Rules. Further, in order to augment supplies of ethanol to Oil marketing Companies (OMCs) under Ethanol Blended with Petrol Programme (EBP), blending target has been scaled up from 5% to 10%, fixed remunerative price and waived off excise duty upto (to 10th August, 2016).
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ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1114 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22.11.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
All India Production of Alcohol / Ethanol (Crore liters)
Year
(Dec-Nov)
Production (Crore liters)
Quantity supplied for blending with petrol (Crore liters)
2015-16
272
105 (upto 15.11.2016)
2014-15
312
68
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